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1. a. Firing practice was held at the troop training grounds during the night of [REDACTED]. Eight tanks and three trucks, occupied by soldiers and towing a field kitchen, left the camp for the training grounds at about 6 p.m. They were followed, about 15 minutes later, by 14 trucks occupied by soldiers and towing 75-mm AT guns. Night firing practice started at 7 p.m. and was still going on after midnight. The reports sounded like those of tank and AT guns.

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- b. [REDACTED] an officers' training course for captains and majors of infantry, artillery and tank troops was held at Doeberitz. The course had about 1,000 officers.

- c. Officers and their dependents were entrained at the Dallgow railroad station [REDACTED]. Their luggage was hauled to the station on trucks

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2. a. The Loewen Kaserne was occupied to capacity on 6 February 1950. Observed soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia.

b. Three armored reconnaissance cars were observed en route from the training grounds to the Loewen Kaserne. Truck [REDACTED]

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c. Between 180 and 200 troops with three mortars of about 100 mm caliber were engaged in a practice attack at the troop training grounds.

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Comment :

a. According to other reports, the mass of the 1st Mecz Div and component units of the 10th Gds Tank Div (Cadre) are believed to be stationed in Doeberitz. The observations at the Doeberitz troop training grounds corroborate the previous assumption that, this winter, troops are primarily trained in the neighborhood of their military posts.

b. The report confirms a Doeberitz (Olympisches Dorf) school ([REDACTED]) conducting training courses for officers (presumably company and battalion commanders). The school training program allegedly also includes courses for NCOs as another source reported.

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